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MINISTER SINKS FERRY PETITION

More than 20,000 people have signed a petition calling for BC Ferries to be folded back into provincial government control, but Transportation Minister Todd Stone says that idea is unrealistic and won't solve the underlying financial problems facing the private corporation. Story, page 4. DARRYL DYCK/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Tech helps police predict future crimes

Law enforcement. Mapping tool installed in cruisers uses data to forecast where offences will occur

Better think twice before committing a crime — the Vancouver Police Department might already be on its way to apprehend you.

This year the force will finish implementing a "predictive policing" tool, which uses data to forecast the movement of crime and allows for the deployment of officers to hot spots based on when crime will likely occur, Chief Jim Chu told city council Tuesday.

The idea is that the presence of police will reduce the amount of crime that actually happens, Chu said.

It may sound like a gimmick from Minority Report, the futuristic Tom Cruise movie where psychics help police arrest murderers before they kill, but the mapping tool installed on computers in patrol cruisers apparently is quite effective.

The tool is 60 to 70 per cent accurate within a 150-metre radius at one-hour intervals, Chu said. It displays what will happen in the next eight to 12 hours.

The VPD started incorporating the technology in 2014, according to police board reports. It is incorporated into GeoDash, the mobile information system that lets officers check out locations of recent crimes without leaving their cars.

The data is updated on a daily basis, so it's easy to spot trends in common crimes such as break-ins or petty theft, Sgt. Randy Fincham told Metro.

Vancouver's police department is one of the first to have access to this next level of technology, Fincham said.

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Health.
New plan for Downtown Eastside

Vancouver Coastal Health is drafting a new strategy for the Downtown Eastside as the neighbourhood crawls out of the health crisis that gripped it for so long.

According to VCH spokeswoman Anna Marie D'Angelo, life expectancy in the area has gone up by 10 years since a public health crisis was declared in 1997.

The improved health outcomes are a result of dramatically reduced cases of new HIV/AIDS infection and hepatitis C in the Downtown Eastside, which once had some of the highest rates of HIV in the industrialized world.

"It shows us that our harm-reduction efforts have been a success," said D'Angelo. "Now that we have very few cases of HIV and hep C, we need to adjust."

The latest draft of the Downtown Eastside Second Generation Health System Strategy design paper, released Tuesday, highlights the need for health providers in the community to deal with an aging population, respect First Nations cultures and better integrate the 68 health programs and services currently offered in the DTES. Those 68 programs cost VCH $54.7 million annually.

D'Angelo said the health authority has been consulting stakeholders about the plan for two years, and frequently hears the existing services operate too separately of each other.

"That's one of the things we're focused on, the silos of care," she said. "People have told us the services don't link up very well and it's not very smooth to navigate."

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Street parking revenue in Vancouver is expected to increase by $3 million in 2015 thanks, in part, to technology that allows drivers to pay by phone.
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PayByPhone driving up city's parking revenue

Meters. City credits surge to usage of the service, which jumped to 39 per cent in 2014

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The City of Vancouver expects to rake in more cash from parking meters this year from Vancouverites who have finally figured out how to pay by using their mobile phones.

On-street parking revenue is expected to go up by $3 million to $45 million in 2015, according to the draft budget presented to council Tuesday.

The city credits the jump largely to an increase in PayByPhone, which lets drivers pay for and top up parking from their phones. Usage of the service jumped to 39 per cent in 2014 from 15 per cent in 2010.

The rest of the influx comes from increased parking activity and longer parking hours, first introduced during the 2010 Olympics, according to a staff report. The extra hours of payment became an election issue when the NPA promised to give drivers a break and relax the rules, but the party did not win enough seats to follow through.

The uptake of the non-coin payments has also resulted in a decrease in parking tickets issued, which dropped to 330,000 from 418,000 over the same five-year period — although this could be due to better photo enforcement that makes it harder for drivers to avoid getting caught.

While the extra parking revenue will provide some pocket change, it isn't nearly enough to keep up with the city's rising costs. The city wants to raise property taxes by 2.4 per cent this year. Of that, one per cent will go toward staff costs for the fire and police departments.

City council will make a final decision on the budget next week.

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Desmond Hague

Guilty plea in dog-kicking case

The former CEO of a company that provides catering services to sports venues across North America has pleaded guilty after he was videotaped in a Vancouver elevator abusing a dog.

Desmond Hague, who resigned from Centerplate Inc. last year, pleaded guilty to one count of causing an animal to be in distress.

Hague made headlines last summer when a video surfaced that showed him kicking a young Doberman pinscher in the elevator of a downtown hotel.

Hague left his job, apologized to the dog's owners and issued a public statement saying he was deeply embarrassed by his actions. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Labour

B.C. nurses to start pressing charges for abuse

Nurses in B.C. will begin pressing charges against those who injure them on the job, the BC Nurses' Union president said Tuesday.

Gayle Duteil said the union would pursue legal action against the attacker when authorized by a nurse who has been injured on the job.

"We have waited too long for the government and health authorities to take action, and our nurses have the broken jaws to prove it," Duteil said in a speech at the BCNU's annual convention.

She said the BCNU has requested better security for nurses, including more safety officers and alarm systems.

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Get that resumé ready

Attention, job seekers: Nordstrom says it is hiring more than 1,000 new employees for its Vancouver flagship store — shown here in this artist's rendering — which is slated to open Sept. 18. The U.S. retail giant announced it will post 44 management positions next Tuesday, with hiring starting in April, and another 1,000 sales and support positions in June. CONTRIBUTED

BC Ferries to stay private: Minister

Transportation. Despite 20,000-strong petition, Todd Stone says government will not take back control

A petition containing more than 20,000 signatures calling for the provincial government to take back control of BC Ferries was presented in the B.C. legislature Tuesday, but the transportation minister says that ship has sailed.

Todd Stone told reporters Tuesday it is unlikely BC Ferries would be folded back into the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure any time soon.

"Fundamentally, putting ferries back into government doesn't solve the underlying problems at BC Ferries, the challenging financial realities," he said. "What we are focused on is a vision … to get ferries to a place of affordability and long-term sustainability."

The Change.org petition, started by Powell River resident Laural Eacott, calls for BC Ferries to be considered part of the province's highway system and to be managed similarly to B.C.'s inland ferries, which are operated by the ministry and are provided free-of-charge to users.

Independent MLA Vicki Huntington, who represents Delta South, delivered the petition in the legislature Tuesday.

Due to the sheer number of people who signed the petition, Huntington said the Liberal government needs to take it seriously or risk losing support from voters in coastal communities.

"Twenty thousand people is not chump change," she told Metro. "The ferries are an indispensable part of our coastal economy and our coastal lifestyle. In many communities, they're wholly reliant on the ferry service for their economic and cultural survival."

Huntington called on the ministry to undertake a review of BC Ferries' management structure.

"Whether the ministry could do it less expensively, I don't know," she said. "That's what has to be properly studied."

Previously a Crown corporation, BC Ferries became a private entity in 2003, although it still receives a taxpayer-funded subsidy and the government remains the company's single shareholder.

THANDI FLETCHER/METRO

Court. Alleged would-be bombers mulled swap to day of attack, trial hears

A jury has heard that a B.C. couple accused of plotting a terrorist attack at the provincial legislature considered changing the plan so they could carry it out on Canada Day.

John Nuttall and Amanda Korody were captured on video in June 2013 discussing the challenges of planting homemade pressure-cooker bombs in a way that would avoid detection amid heightened security and Canada Day crowds.

The video was recorded as part of a months-long RCMP undercover operation that ended with Nuttall and Korody's arrest.

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Watchdog. IIO director still confident with its investigations of police

The civilian in charge of the Independent Investigations Office (IIO) stands by the integrity of the police watchdog's work, despite its growing pains.

A report released Monday by a legislative special committee on the IIO paints it as an evolving organization hampered by high turnover, human-resources issues and culture clashes between civilian and ex-police staff. Between September 2012 and November 2014, 111 investigations were initiated by the IIO.

IIO chief civilian director Richard Rosenthal told Metro that despite the challenges, the office has competently investigated incidents it has been called on to. MATT KIELTYKA/METRO

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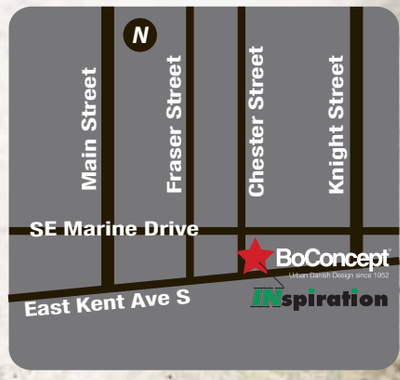

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Veterans Affairs office

Ex-soldier gets 4 years for planned attack

A former soldier who was planning to attack a Veterans Affairs office has been sentenced to four years in prison. Glen Gieschen, 45, is getting 18 months of credit for time served in custody.

He pleaded guilty in November to possession of a firearm, possession of a prohibited weapon and possession of a weapon.

Judge Sean Dunnigan said Gieschen's crimes were "chilling in their intricate planning."

But the judge also said he believed Gieschen's expressions of remorse.

Court was told that he had a beef with the military over coverage for multiple sclerosis he believed was caused by a flu shot he received while in the military.

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National Defence

Mentally ill soldiers more likely to be declared unfit

New research by National Defence shows that soldiers with mental health conditions, especially those with Afghan war experience, are far more likely to be declared unfit for military service and almost 70 per cent of them can expect to be mustered out within 10 years of deployment. The startling figures are contained in an analysis by the Canadian Forces Health Services Branch, which reviewed the medical files of over 30,000 troops who deployed as part of the nearly-12-year Afghan campaign. In the fall of 2013, a number of soldiers, many with post-traumatic stress, came forward to say they were being declared unfit and hustled out of uniform.

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Obama Keystone veto not final word

Pipeline dispute. Congress passed a bill earlier this month forcing approval of the project

U.S. President Barack Obama made good Tuesday on a threat to veto a bill which would approve the Keystone XL pipeline, bringing the two sides in the long-running controversy to a rare point of agreement: Their battle is far from over.

"The president's veto of the Keystone jobs bill is a national embarrassment," said the top Republican in the House of Representatives, John Boehner.

"We are not going to give up in our efforts to get this pipeline built — not even close."

The issue is about to play out on two fronts. One is a major presidential regulatory decision and the other, as suggested by Boehner, likely involves future clashes with Congress.

The Canadian government echoed that theme: "It is not a question of if this project will be approved; it is a matter of when," said a statement from Natural Resources Minister Greg Rickford.

"We will continue to strongly advocate for this job-creating project."

Even the White House concurred that the issue is far from settled. It pointed out that Tuesday's announcement was a step in a long, winding process — not a final destination.

The president cast the veto as a matter of procedural principle. In his letter to Congress, Obama said the bill he was scrapping had improperly tried to usurp presidential authority.

The White House position is that cross-border pipeline permits are a matter for the president to decide — not Congress, which passed a bill earlier this month forcing the approval of the project.

That bill was delivered to the president Tuesday and he vetoed it on the very first available day.

White House spokesman Josh Earnest said the president could still, in theory, approve the pipeline. The veto doesn't necessarily reflect Obama's view on the pipeline itself, he noted.

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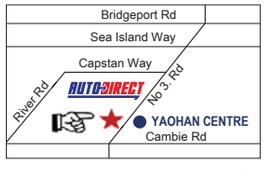

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Toronto police ask public to help solve the tunnel mystery

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ISIL abducts more than 70 Assyrian Christians

Syria. Of those taken by the militant group, the majority were women and children, while thousands fled to nearby cities

Militants from the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant (ISIL) struck before dawn, staging house-to-house raids in a cluster of villages nestled along the Khabur River in northeastern Syria. They abducted at least 70 Christians — many of them women and children — while thousands of others fled to safer areas.

The captives' fate was unclear Tuesday, a day after they were seized, and relatives said mobile phone service was cut off and land lines also were not going through, adding to the fear and uncertainty about their loved ones.

ISIL has a history of killing captives, including foreign journalists, Syrian soldiers and Kurdish militiamen. Most recently, militants in Libya affiliated with the group released a video showing the beheading of 21 Egyptian Christians.

The group's bloody campaign in Syria and Iraq, where it seeks to form a self-styled caliphate, has repeatedly targeted religious minorities since it took control of a third of both countries. A U.S.-led coalition of regional partners are conducting a campaign of airstrikes against the group.

Nuri Kino, the head of a group called A Demand For Action, said between 70 and 100 Assyrians were taken captive. About 3,000 people fled and have sought refuge in the cities of Hassakeh and Qamishli, he said.

"Have they been slaughtered? Are they still alive? We're searching for any news,'' said an Assyrian Christian woman from Tal Shamiram, where most captives were taken from. Others were abducted from nearby Tal Hurmiz.

"I feel so helpless, I cannot do anything for them but pray," she said.

The Assyrian Network for Human Rights in Syria said on its Facebook page that the militants had moved the captives to the village of Umm al-Masamir on Mount Abdulaziz, some 25 kilometres south of Tal Shamiram. That raised fears, the network said, that ISIL could use them as human shields against Kurdish militiamen, an effective foe against the group. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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An undentified Assyrian Christian woman from Tal Shamiram, one of the villages attacked by ISIL. She's been unable to contact either her parents or her brother.

Ukraine disputes rebels' pullback claims

A bus drives by a convoy transporting artillery pieces outside the city of Donetsk, Ukraine, on Tuesday. Howitzers were seen moving east from the largest rebel-held city in eastern Ukraine further into separatist-controlled territory, but the Ukrainian government disputed the rebels' claim that a heavy-weapons pullback had begun. Heavy weapons are to be pulled back 25 to 70 kilometres from the front line, depending on their calibre, in accordance with a peace plan agreed upon on Feb. 12. VADIM GHIRDA/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Iraq

Baghdad bombing kills 40, injures dozens more

A series of bombings in Iraq, including twin blasts in a busy street in a Baghdad suburb, killed at least 40 people and wounded dozens on Tuesday, Iraqi officials said.

The deadliest of the day's attacks came shortly before sunset, when a bomb exploded in Baghdad's southeastern suburb of Jisr Diyala. Minutes later, a car bomb went off near the site of the first blast as people started gathering to help the victims of the initial explosion.

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Nigeria

Suicide bombers strike bus stations

Teenage suicide bombers, suspected to be Boko Haram extremists, killed at least 24 people in separate blasts Tuesday at crowded bus stations in two northern Nigerian cities.

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Alaska becomes third state to legalize pot

Peter Lomonaco, co-founder of the Alaska Cannabis Club, and CEO Charlo Greene roll a joint at their dispensary in Anchorage, Alaska.
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Alaska on Tuesday became the third U.S. state to legalize the recreational use of marijuana, but organizers don't expect any public celebrations since it remains illegal to smoke marijuana in public.

In the state's largest city, Anchorage police officers are ready to start handing out $100 fines to make sure taking a toke remains something to be done behind closed doors.

Placing Alaska in the same category as Washington state and Colorado with legal marijuana was the goal of a coalition including libertarians, rugged individualists and small-government Republicans who prize the privacy rights enshrined in the Alaska state constitution.

The initiative bans smoking in public, but didn't define what that means, and lawmakers left the question to the alcohol regulatory board, which planned to meet early Tuesday to discuss an emergency response.

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Iran will not get nuclear weapons: U.S.

U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry told wary lawmakers on Tuesday that it was premature to criticize nuclear negotiations with Iran before any deal can be reached to keep Tehran from developing atomic weapons.

"The president has made clear — I can't state this more firmly — the policy is Iran will not get a nuclear weapon," Kerry told members of a Senate Appropriations subcommittee. "And anybody running around right now, jumping in to say, 'Well, we don't like the deal,' or this or that, doesn't know what the deal is. There is no deal yet. And I caution people to wait and see what these negotiations produce."

Kerry testified in Congress after returning to Washington from the latest round of talks in Geneva involving Iran, the U.S. and five other world powers. U.S. and Iranian officials reported progress on getting to a deal that would clamp down on Tehran's nuclear activities for at least 10 years before slowly easing restrictions.

Negotiators are rushing to try to meet a March 31 deadline for a framework agreement.

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RINK RAGE NEEDS TO BE STOPPED

The Vancouver Island Amateur Hockey Association finally got so sick of the bad behaviour of some parents, it banned eight of them from watching their kids' games. It would be nice if this didn't have to happen, but if Lord of the Flies taught us anything, it's that the only way to stop bullies is, y'know, to stop them

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Call it rink rage.

It's the situation where otherwise civilized, middle-aged parents melt down over a call by the referee at their son's or daughter's hockey game.

Maybe we've even been tempted to lay a little rink rage on the referee ourselves. Because for a long time, it's been a free shot.

It doesn't seem to matter that it's only a kids' game that is supposed to be fun. (Fun is for losers!) Or that the referees are often only kids themselves who are still learning and have never heard anything like the, um, colourful language coming from behind the glass:

"There's no F!@#$% way that was (a) a goal (b) offside (c) interference (d) icing (e) all of the above, and it's time to let that stupid F!@#$% idiot have a piece of my mind."

The Vancouver Island Amateur Hockey Association has finally run out of patience with this nonsense, and this past weekend banned eight parents from attending their kids' games. It then added a fine for any coaches who dispute the ref's call.

Big babies

An entire generation has learned it's not necessary to grow up, and it's wreaking havoc down at the rink

Twenty referees on the Island have quit this season, citing an overdose of parental abuse. They're tired of being assaulted, cornered in dark parking lots, spit upon and showered with hot coffee, all for the less-than-50-bucks they get for calling a game.

It's just as bad (or worse) next door in Alberta, where 35 per cent of the approximate 5,000 amateur hockey referees quit after every season, vowing never to call another game.

So far in Alberta this year, there have been 15 match penalties — after players, egged on by their testosterone-fuelled dads (and moms … this is equal opportunity bad behaviour), went after the refs.

Watch the video of the overgrown baby in Pennsylvania who protested a call on the ice by smashing a panel of tempered glass with his fist, and you'll see what I mean. And he's hardly the worst. At least he's taking it out on an inanimate object.

There was a time, perhaps, when grown-ups could be counted on to behave. That's when there were grown-ups.

An entire generation has learned it's not necessary to grow up, and it's wreaking havoc down at the rink where people actually think it's their right to take things out on the refs. Free speech or something.

So should more hockey organizations follow in Vancouver Island's steps and ban unruly spectators?

Uh, yeah!

An ugly truth about human nature is that if people aren't held accountable, they seem capable of doing just about anything (See: Lord of the Flies).

Bullies are made bold by the knowledge that they have nothing to fear. As soon as they have something to fear, they aren't bullies any more.

How about that?

Confessions of a former Mean Girl, on Pink Shirt Day

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While it's a sign of conformity in Mean Girls, in real life Pink Shirt Day is a symbol of solidarity against the very bullying that Regina George et al were guilty of in the movie. SCREENGRAB

It's Pink Shirt Day in Canada — a national day to raise awareness about bullying — so let's talk.

Bullying education has come a long way since I was a kid. Students today learn that bullying takes many forms, from the physical to emotional, and they're taught to recognize and address these various forms of abuse.

It's a conversation we need to keep having, as it's easy for children — and adults — to ignore the types of bullying that don't leave bruises.

When I was in elementary school (scrunchies were the fashion accessory of choice, if that gives you context) bullying wasn't something we really talked about. At least not the sly Mean Girls-style bullying, of which I was both a victim and a perpetrator.

A part of me knew I was being hurtful when I joined my friends in randomly mocking or ignoring a classmate for a week. But it didn't occur to me until adulthood that I was as much a bully as the boys who pushed little kids down in the playground.

Today, the root of my guilt lies in how I behaved in the seventh grade to one of my best friends, whom we'll call "Melissa."

Melissa and I were inseparable for a couple years before having a falling out. I don't remember why or how it started.

What I do remember is leaving nasty notes about her in her textbooks, hoping she'd find them when she went to do homework. I remember whispering about her to other girls, and loudly exclaiming that so-and-so was my "new best friend." I don't remember feeling like I was doing anything wrong.

I ran into Melissa a couple times as a teenager — once at a party, where she told me I was the reason she changed schools in Grade 8. I saw her again at Christmas Eve Mass a few years later. I shyly waved hello and reintroduced myself to her mother, who was polite but curt (and rightly so).

I've typed her name into Facebook a couple times in recent years and found her profile. I even went so far as to draft apology messages, but deleted them before pressing "send".

Melissa's not on Facebook any more, at least not under her given name, and I don't know where to find her to let her know I'm sorry.

I wonder how many other women have grown up to realize that behaviour they thought was a normal part of school life was damaging to their peers?

Pink Shirt Day is changing the school environment for a generation of girls (and boys), and for the better. My daughter will be better informed and better armed to combat bullying than I was.

I may not be able to atone for how I treated Melissa, but I can be sure to teach my own daughter that bullying involves much more than throwing punches.

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Red-carpet fashion critique, or racial slur? Zendaya weighs in

Zendaya Coleman

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OK, two things: One, Disney star Zendaya Coleman looks amazing. And two, Fashion Police pundit Giuliana Rancic is not a very good comedian. While critiquing looks from the Oscars red carpet, Rancic had this to say about Coleman's long, luxurious dreadlocks: "This hair, to me, overwhelms her. I feel like she smells like patchouli oil. Or weed! Yeah, maybe weed?" Yikes.

Well, naturally, Coleman wasn't too pleased, and she registered her displeasure in a lengthy and well-reasoned rebuttal on Twitter. "There is a fine line between what is funny and disrespectful. Someone said something about my hair at the Oscars that left me in awe," Coleman wrote.

"Not because I was relishing in rave outfit reviews, but because I was hit with ignorant slurs and pure disrespect. To say that an 18-year-old young woman with locs must smell of patchouli oil or 'weed' is not only a large stereotype but outrageously offensive. I don't usually feel the need to respond to negative things but certain remarks cannot go unchecked." She then went on to point out numerous other notable people who don dreadlocks.

Rancic, for her part, tweeted that she was totally not referencing race but instead was making fun of bohemians. But man, what did bohemians ever do to her?

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"To say that an 18-year-old young woman with locs must smell of patchouli oil or 'weed' is not only a large stereotype but outrageously offensive."

Zendaya Coleman

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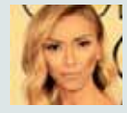

@GiulianaRancic
Dear @Zendaya, I'm sorry I offended you and others. I was referring to a bohemian chic look. Had NOTHING to do with race and NEVER would!!!

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METRO'S TAKE ON THE WORLD OF CELEBRITIES

Chris Brown's run for the Canadian border is denied

Chris Brown

The "good people of the Canadian government" turned singer and felon Chris Brown away at the Canadian border Tuesday, forcing the cancellation of his scheduled shows in Toronto and Montreal.

"The good people of the Canadian government wouldn't allow me entry. I'll be back this summer and will hopefully see all my Canadian fans!" Brown tweeted. "Unfortunately I will not be able to perform in front of sold out crowds in Montreal & Toronto."

The tour promoter, Live Nation, confirmed that the Between the Sheets Tour dates featuring Chris Brown, Trey Songz & Tyga at the Bell Centre in Montreal scheduled for Tuesday, and at the Air Canada Center in Toronto scheduled for Wednesday were cancelled "due to immigration issues." Refunds will be available at the point of purchase, a spokesperson said.

Brown pleaded guilty to the assault of his then-girlfriend R&B star Rihanna in 2009. While still on probation, he assaulted a man outside of a Washington, D.C. hotel in 2013. He pleaded guilty to the assault of that man, Parker Isaac Adams, last September.

According to Citizenship and Immigration Canada (CIC), people with criminal convictions for various offences, including assault, can be deemed "criminally inadmissible" from entering Canada and denied entry. Convicted felons can appeal to a border guard that they have been rehabilitated or apply through a formal process to prove they have been rehabilitated in order to be let into the country, according to CIC. JESSICA SMITH CROSS/ METRO IN TORONTO

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The program will feature everything from her personal style to accessories and home decor.

It will premiere on March 12 at 8 p.m. ET on TSC and tsc.ca, as well as the ShopTSC mobile app for iPhone and Android. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Jacob Hoggard of Hedley is used to performing at awards shows, but at next month's Junos he'll be taking on a new role as host. GETTY IMAGES

Singer stoked to host Junos

Music. Hedley singer Jacob Hoggard ready to send up his peers as host of awards show

When Hedley's Jacob Hoggard takes the stage to host this year's Juno Awards, he hopes to channel some of the irreverent wit flaunted by two-time MC Russell Peters.

Some, but not all, perhaps. Hoggard needs to maintain friendships in the Canadian music industry, whereas Peters was comfortable to gleefully skewer it.

"I thought Russell killed it — he's such a natural on-stage. I think more than anything else I'm envious of his comedic licence to just cut everybody to shreds," said Hoggard, who was announced as Junos host on Tuesday morning.

"I'm a little jealous of that. I probably can't treat my peer group the same. But there's always room for a sideways remark.

"Ultimately," he added, "I'm holding the microphone and it's live. So if I truly feel like it, I can exact judgment."

Reggae-infused Toronto pop outfit Magic! leads with five nominations heading into the March 15 bash at Hamilton's FirstOntario Centre, while Montreal's dark poet Leonard Cohen and Calgary dance breakout Kiesza charge in with four nominations apiece.

As Hoggard familiarized himself with the list of nominees, however, he emphasized that there would be no way to anticipate the evening's storyline.

"If there was ever an episode that Unsolved Mysteries hasn't done, it would be on the Junos — because it's one of the most enigmatic processes we've experienced as far as who wins, and why, and how," said Hoggard, whose band has now been nominated 29 times — including three times this year — and won only twice.

"There's always surprises and you never know why, ultimately. But I think that's what's exciting about it.

"Throughout the whole music business, no one has a ... clue what's going to happen." THE CANADIAN PRESS

Also performing

Hedley will also perform during the Junos telecast, along with dance producer Deadmau5, Magic! and hometown rockers Arkells.

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5. Best party beach: La Barra, Punta del Este, Uruguay
6. Best exotic beach: Ilhabela, Brazil
7. Best beach bar: VICE also known as Nissakia Surf Club, Artemida, Greece

List. Swimsuit models, kitesurfers and other beach bums have curated this winter's most critical guide

Best party beach: Punta del Este in Uruguay. ISTOCK

Best unusual beach: Red Beach in Santorini, Greece. ISTOCK

A panel of 'beach experts' that includes a Sports Illustrated Swimsuit model and professional kitesurfer has helped determine a list of the world's best beaches for families, romance and people watching.

With most of Canada in the throes of a deep freeze, the Travel Channel has released the results of its annual Best Beach Awards 2015 just in time to offer the winter-weary a virtual, seaside escape ahead of spring break.

For those shopping for an adults-only beach that offers a pulsing nightlife and teeny polka-dot bikinis, head to Miami, Fla., which snagged the title of sexiest beach.

"Soft sand, beautiful warm water, interesting people, volleyball and fun spots to go to for a bite or a beverage nearby," says swimsuit model Nina Agdal. Another plus? "... it's acceptable to wear tiny bikinis."

Couples seeking a romantic, tropical escapade may want to head to Little Dix Bay in the British Virgin Islands, which was named the most romantic beach for its hidden coves, luxurious resorts, and "barefoot elegance."

And for sun-seekers looking for a beach destination that's far from the madding crowds, consider the best beach you've never heard of, Lake Atitlan in Guatemala, suggests Travel Channel.

As the deepest lake in Central America, Lake Atitlan is located in the highlands of Guatemala in a volcanic crater and has been called one of the most beautiful lakes in the world.

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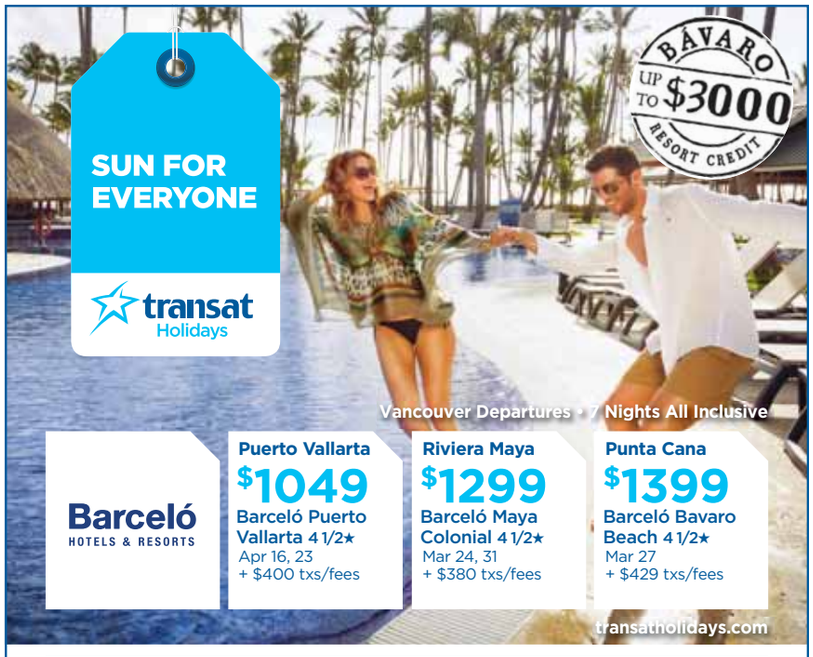

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Affordable alternatives for a fun-filled March Break

Family holidays. Try these close-to-home quick getaways

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If a sun or ski vacation is not in the family plans this March Break, there are plenty of affordable options closer to home that will ensure your kid's break is a happy one.

Toronto's Le Dolci foodie studio is offering a culinary day camp between March 16 and March 20, which will allow your young chef to experiment and test his or her skills in the kitchen. Everything from marshmallows and truffles to crepes and pies is on the menu. Parents can sign their kids up for one day or the whole week.

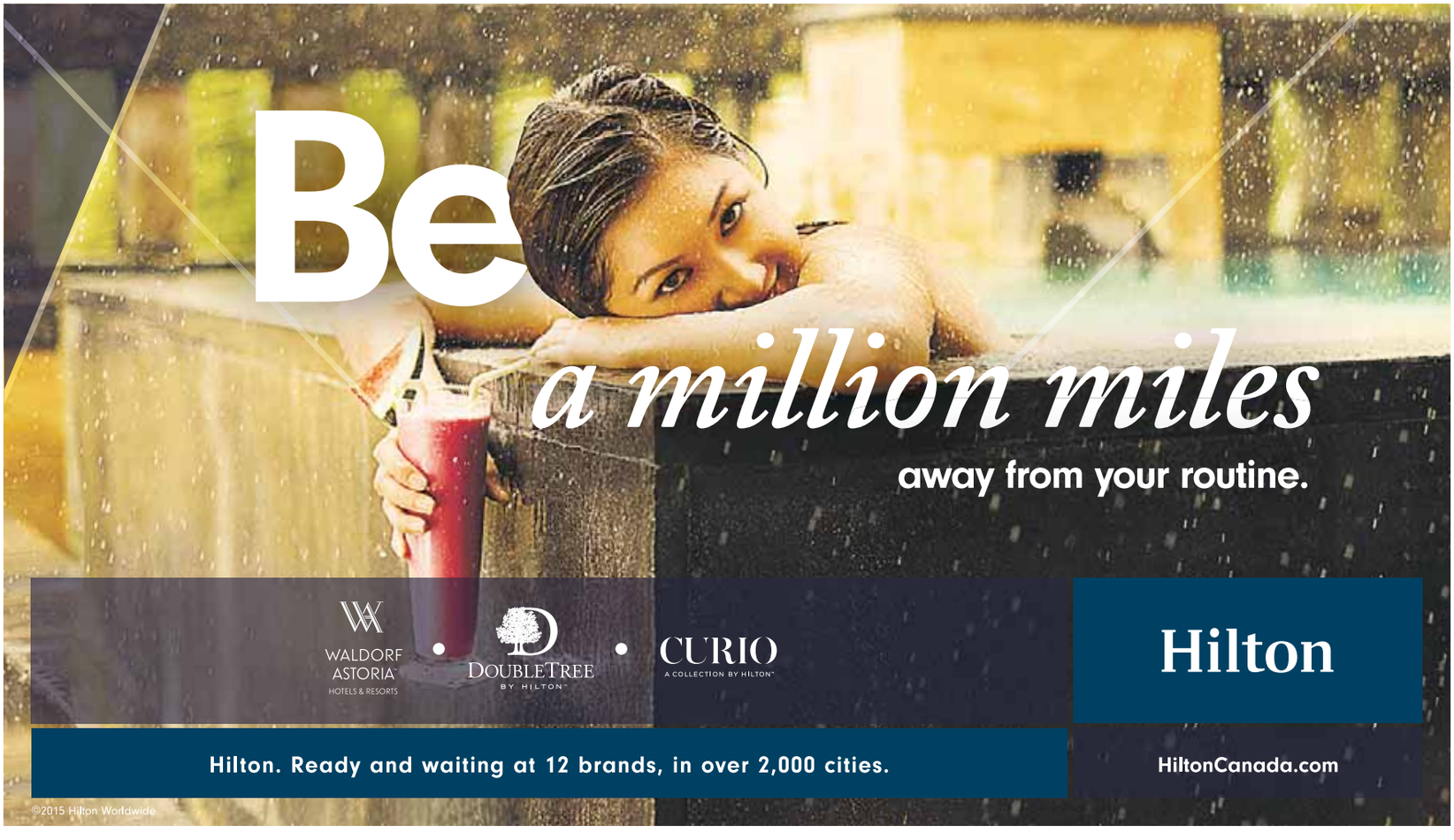
A huge benefit to living in our nation's capital is the number of outstanding museums available to you. Ottawa's Bytown Museum has a redesigned Youth Activity Area where kids can learn more about Ottawa's early beginnings through historic toys and journal entries. There's also an interactive scavenger hunt through two floors of the museum, leading kids to find seven hidden stories to form a timeline of early Ottawa. As a final nod to this long, cold winter, check out the Canadian Museum of Nature's Arctic Food Fair offering bannock, Arctic berry tea and bison sliders. There's also a giant Arctic floor map that teaches regional geography and natural history.

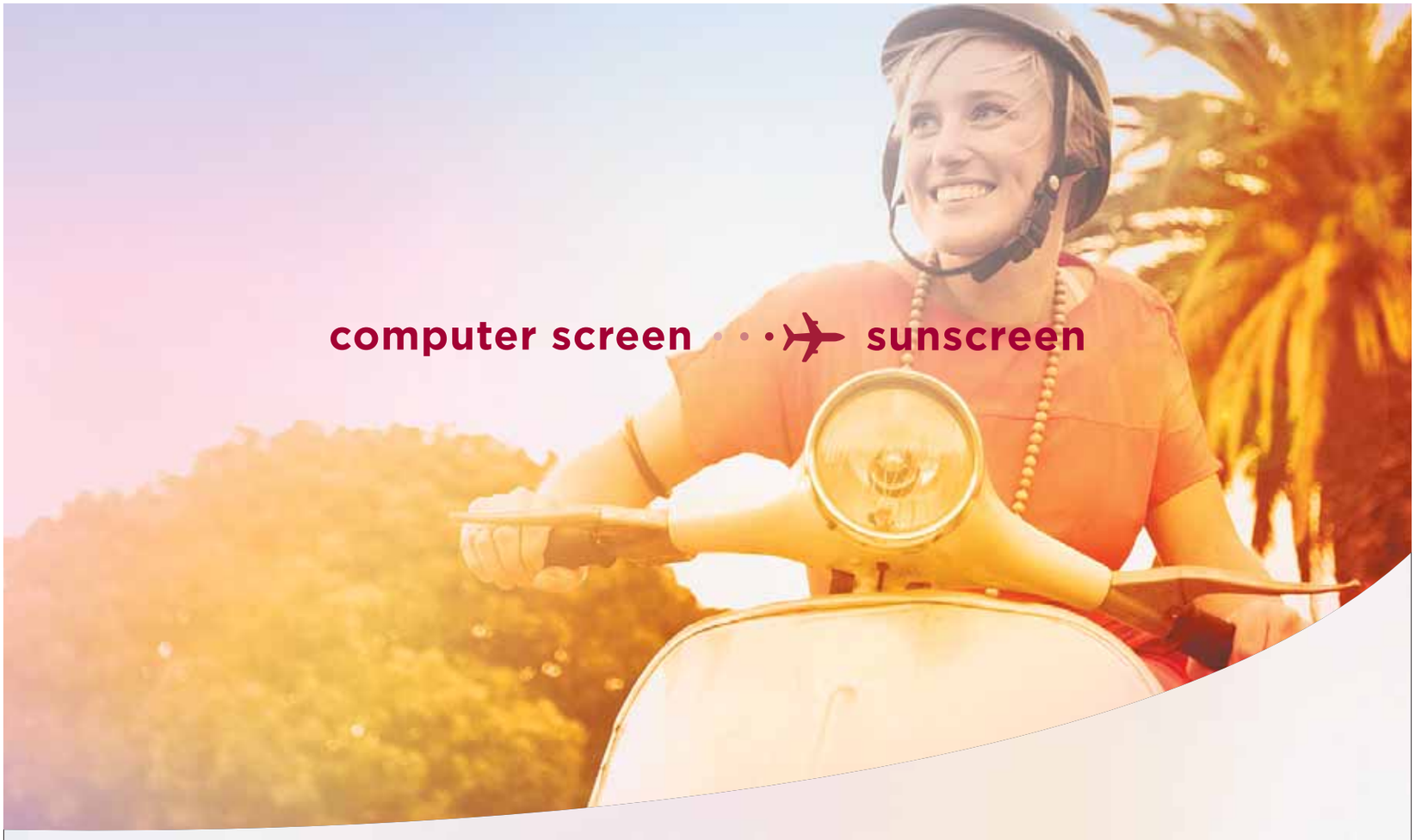
The Canadian Museum of Nature in Ottawa. ISTOCK

March in Quebec is the start of sugaring-off season. If you can't make it out of the city, the Montréal Botanical Garden will be offering presentations on maple syrup as well as the chance to taste your own rolled maple taffy.

Edmontonians looking to spend some family outdoor time can take the short 40-minute drive to Elk Island National Park. The park is offering a three-hour guided snowshoe tour through its vast trails, giving you the chance to spy deer, bison and moose. Lunch is included.

If you prefer some indoor fun, Vancouver's popular Playdome at BC Place Stadium runs again this year from March 14 to March 22. With 45 rides and attractions, including a Ferris wheel and tilt-a-whirl, it is western Canada's largest indoor carnival. The daily Dome Pass will set you back $29.





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In an ideal world, you should endeavour to build a friendly relationship with everyone you come into frequent contact with. ISTOCK

Think about how many people you meet on a regular basis, whether it be through school or work. Now think about how many relationships — both long-term and short-term — you create and maintain.

Rapport is defined as a working relationship characterized by mutual respect and understanding. It's a professional connection, and a skill that most professionals draw upon each and every day.

While you don't have to be BFFs with everyone you meet, it's important to know how important it is to establish a rapport with the individuals come into contact with frequently. Obvious examples are colleagues and classmates, your manager or professor, but this skill can extend to customers you meet at your part-time job, potential employers at a job interview, and more.

Why is rapport important?

Imagine asking someone — a professor, supervisor, or colleague — to write you a reference letter. Ideally, you would want a letter written by an individual with whom you have a strong relationship, thus making them fit to discuss your qualifications and character.

Reference letters are only one example of why building rapport is important. It's an opportunity to present yourself as a professional and build a connection that will benefit both yourself and the individual that you are working with. The payoff may be immediate, or it may be later, as with a reference letter.

In a customer- or client-focused environment, such as a restaurant or a bank, rapport is what builds customer and client loyalty. The product may be what first draws the person in, but the service they receive will be the deciding factor in whether they return.

If you establish rapport with clients, they may become happy regulars, which will contribute towards securing the business against bankruptcy.

You never know when, or how, a relationship will pay off. So being able to build rapport with anyone that comes your way is incredibly useful; you have nothing to lose.

It's not mercenary or selfish, and any interaction with another person is an opportunity. That said, you also need to be open to helping others when initiating a connection.

So, how do I build rapport?

The good news is, you can build rapport without provoking responses like, "Did you get a personality transplant?" If you're conducting yourself in a courteous, professional manner, you are already building rapport.

- **Be friendly.** You don't have to be the social butterfly with 500 Facebook friends, but it never hurts to be nice. If you're shy, start with just one person, introduce yourself and never ask the other person about something you are not willing to share. The most important part is to be genuine: Don't try to assume a false personality. That is the foundation of a good relationship — and all it requires of you is a bit of courage and a smile.
- **Be helpful.** Don't feel like you're making this connection in order to leech their assets. If you present yourself as someone who is open to helping others when they are in a bind (and you are willing to follow through), it becomes a win-win situation for both of you. Don't be afraid to ask for help — adversity helps build rapport, especially if it is faced and conquered together. Lend a hand as often as you can, and when you inevitably need help, rest assured you won't be considered bothersome.
- **Be a team player.** Your own success is important, but if you are working in a group, the success of your team should be one of your priorities. The old saying goes that a chain is only as strong as its weakest link — and you do not want to be that link. Building rapport in a team setting involves presenting yourself as an asset, and forging strong connections with your team members. Be sure to contribute and participate actively. This can mean anything from staying late with the others to finish a program due by midnight to taking a co-worker's shift in an emergency.

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It goes without saying that a selfie is not always the best option for your professional portrait. ISTOCK

Think of your LinkedIn photo as the headline of a news article — it's the first thing people will see, and it might be the only thing that they remember later. Like all first impressions in business, you want to put your best foot (or in this case, your best face) forward. Your profile picture should convey professionalism, trustworthiness, competence and likability. Here's how you can make sure your LinkedIn profile is picture perfect.

Solo shot

You are the star of your LinkedIn profile, and you should be the only one in your profile picture. Group shots and family portraits are not acceptable as having multiple people in your picture is confusing for viewers. It also makes you look unprofessional, and gives viewers the impression that you don't understand LinkedIn etiquette.

Choose a picture that includes everything from the shoulders up, with 50 to 60 per cent of the picture being occupied by your face. Full body shots, extreme close-ups, and cropped group shots are a no-no.

Crop It

When it comes to pictures on various social networks, you can't take a one-size-fits all approach. Make sure your image is optimized for LinkedIn specifically by cropping it to a square for best use across the website. Do a quick Internet search to find a reference tool for the correct image types and sizes for all social networks (including LinkedIn), so you can optimize your images to look great at any size. (sproutsocial.com is a great place to start)

Quality is key

Your LinkedIn picture is the face of your online professional brand, so a high-quality image is essential. Ideally, you should invest in a professional headshot. Professional photography will show you in your best light, and most photographers will be able to coach you into better posture and a good facial expression.

If professional pictures are not an option, recruit a friend with a good camera to help you out. Make sure to take lots of photos so you have options. A high resolution picture, even if it's not professional, beats a low-res webcam picture any day.

Dress for success

It's important to dress appropriately for the job or the industry you want. What would you wear to an interview at your desired company or to an industry event? Keeping in mind that the picture will only show your upper body, pay special attention to your neckline, collar, hair and makeup.

Pick jewelry and accessories carefully. While a statement necklace might look great in person, it might not translate well on camera. It's best to avoid busy patterns and very sparkly jewelry.

Choose a background that will let you stand out, preferably something that slightly contrasts your outfit. A neutral background (black, white or grey) is always a safe bet, but locations like an office, historical building, or an outdoor setting will work well, too.

Choose a picture that looks like you

This seems obvious, but there are a shocking number of profiles with decade-old pictures, or individuals who got a little too heavy-handed with Photoshop.

Make sure you pick a photo that actually looks like you, so recruiters or potential employers can recognize you when meet. When it comes to Photoshop, some retouching is acceptable, but save the magazine-worthy makeover for your other social networks. Update your picture frequently (every two to three years is sufficient), or if you make a major change to your appearance.

Get a second opinion

- When in doubt, ask a friend what they think of your picture. Ask what message it conveys about you, what they think of your facial expression, outfit, and if the quality is sufficient. If you want more objective feedback, try a tool like www.photofeeler.com, that lets users rate your photo based on metrics like competence, likability, influence, and trustworthiness.

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Meatballs ditch their spaghetti sidekick

Dinner or Appetizers.
Dish stuffs meat with ricotta and uses polenta

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This recipe I developed for the Dairy Farmers of Canada is a different way to serve up meatballs. The addition of ricotta inside the meatball is one of my favourite twists.

Directions

1. Ricotta Filling: In a bowl, stir together ricotta, bread crumbs, parsley and salt. Roll into 16 little balls; set aside.

2. Meatballs: In bowl, mix veal, pork, bread crumbs, egg, Parmesan, parsley, garlic and salt until combined. Using wet hands, divide mix into 16 balls. Flatten each ball and place a ricotta ball in centre; pinch meat around the ricotta ball and roll into a large meatball.

3. Place on parchment paper lined baking sheet. Bake in preheated 350 F (180 C) oven 15 minutes or until no longer pink inside, but not browned.

4. Pour half of the pasta sauce in a 13 x 9-inch (3 L) glass baking dish. Add meatballs to sauce and pour remaining sauce over top. Cover and bake for about 30 minutes or sauce is bubbly.

5. Creamy Polenta: Meanwhile, in saucepan, bring milk and water to simmer over medium heat; gradually whisk in cornmeal and salt. Reduce heat to medium-low and cook, whisking often, 15 minutes or until polenta is creamy and thick.

6. Stir Parmesan into polenta and divide among serving plates; place meatball on top and spoon sauce over top.

Ingredients

Ricotta Filling
- 1/2 cup (125 ml) ricotta cheese
- 1/2 cup (125 ml) fresh bread crumbs
- 1 tbsp (15 ml) chopped parsley
- Pinch salt

Meatballs
- 12 oz (375 g) each ground veal and pork
- 3/4 cup (175 mL) fresh bread crumbs
- 1 egg
- 1/4 cup (50 ml) freshly grated Parmesan cheese
- 3 tbsp (45 ml) finely chopped fresh parsley
- 1 clove garlic, minced
- 1/4 tsp (1 ml) salt
- 3 cups (750 ml) homemade or store-bought pasta sauce, heated

Creamy Polenta
- 3 cups (750 ml) milk
- 1 cup (250 ml) water
- 1 cup (250 ml) cornmeal
- 1 tsp (5 ml) salt
- 1/2 cup (125 ml) freshly grated Parmesan cheese

This recipe makes 16 large meatballs that work as 16 appetizer servings or 6 to 8 servings. EMILY RICHARDS

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Whitecaps add teen midfielder

The Vancouver Whitecaps, already with a youthful roster, added another teenager to the midfield, acquiring Deybi Flores.

The Whitecaps, down in Portland for their final two matches of the preseason, announced the deal Tuesday.

The deal, on a one-year loan with a transfer option, was still pending the receipt of Flores' international transfer certificate and Canadian work permit and visa, according to the club.

Flores, 18, has played the last two seasons for Club Deportivo Motagua in the Honduran Liga Nacional. He made 21 appearances in that time.

"Deybi is a talented young box-to-box midfielder with a big upside," said Whitecaps head coach Carl Robinson in a statement.

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Soccer

Solo regrets incident with team van

U.S. women's national team goalkeeper Hope Solo tells ABC News it was a "horrible choice" last month when her husband, former Seattle Seahawks player Jerramy Stevens, was arrested on suspicion of driving under the influence in a team van.

Solo was with Stevens when he was pulled over. She was suspended by U.S. Soccer for 30 days and was reinstated on Saturday.

Solo spoke to ABC in an interview to be broadcast on Wednesday.

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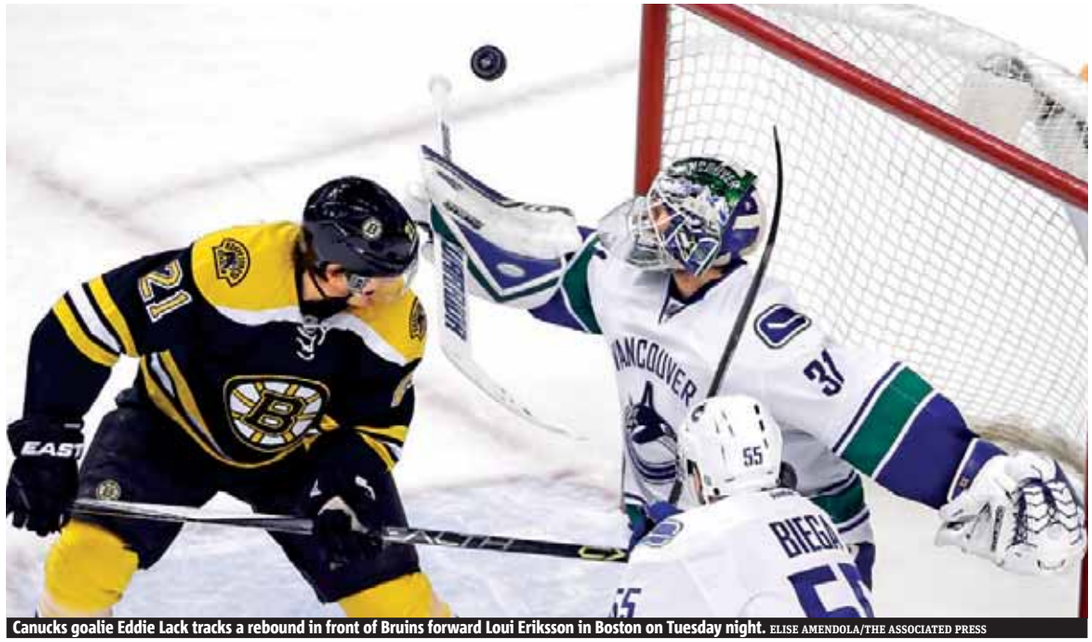

Canucks goalie Eddie Lack tracks a rebound in front of Bruins forward Loui Eriksson in Boston on Tuesday night. ELISE AMENDOLA/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Lack stops 40 shots, Canucks edge Bruins

NHL. Backup goalie solid in place of injured starter Miller

On Tuesday

Canucks	Bruins
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Eddie Lack has hardly looked like a backup goalie since Vancouver starter Ryan Miller was injured in a collision with a teammate.

Lack had 40 saves as the Canucks beat the struggling Boston Bruins 2-1 on Tuesday night.

"It was a busy night," Lack said. "It felt like we kept them a lot to the outside so it was a good overall effort from everyone."

Lack stopped 20 shots in the second period and 13 more in the third as Vancouver held on after Zack Kassian's tiebreaking goal at 6:47 of the third.

"He made some real big saves for us. It's good to see," Vancouver coach Willie Desjardins said. "You like to see a guy getting hot."

Especially right about now.

Lack replaced Miller early in the second period on Sunday at the New York Islanders after the Vancouver starter was injured in a collision. Lack made 27 saves while preserving the 4-0 shutout, then further frustrated the reeling Bruins in Boston.

"I always thought Eddie was good," Desjardins said. "He was so good the other night against the Islanders, he was unbelievable there and he just followed up again tonight."

Daniel Paille was the only player to beat Lack, scoring 1:05 into the game to give Boston a short-lived lead. Ryan Stanton scored for Vancouver 3:28 into the first to tie it at 1-all and Lack continued stopping a barrage of shots from the Bruins.

"We got some big saves from Eddie when we needed it and we capitalized on our chances," Kassian said.

Daniel and Henrik Sedin both picked up assists on Kassian's tiebreaking goal 6:47 into the third as the Canucks beat the Bruins for the second time this month.

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2015 Acura TLX

- **Type.** Four-door, 5-passenger midsize sedan
- **Engines.** 2.4-litre I4 (206); 3.5-litre V6 (290)
- **Transmissions.** 8-speed automatic (I4); 9-speed automatic (V6)
- **Price.** Base $34,990; as-tested $38,690 (plus destination)

Market position

Acura was the first higher-end spinoff by a Japanese company when it debuted in 1986 as a subsidiary of Honda. The TLX bridges the gap between the entry-level ILX and larger RLX.

Points

• The available Tech trim includes forward collision warning, heated rear seats and steering wheel, lane keeping assist, and navigation, among other features.

An all-wheel steering system on FWD models subtly angles the rear wheels on turns for more precise handling.

Interesting features

Standard LED headlamps, sunroof, active noise control, and multi-angle rearview camera; available rain-sensing wipers, road departure mitigation, cross-traffic alert, forward collision warning, and heated steering wheel.

Sedan could use some sparkle

Review. Acura shelves prior sedans to release all new 2015 TLX

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After more than a decade of offering both the TL and TSX sedans, Acura has split the difference, retired them both, and introduced the new-for-2015 TLX. It's a relatively low-priced entry into the sports sedan category, but it's not going to slay any of the giants that currently control the segment.

It's available with a V6 engine that can be further optioned with Acura's all-wheel system, which the company calls Super-Handling All-Wheel Drive, or SH-AWD. The name is accurate: able to proportion torque between the rear wheels, it does a great job of sticking to the road.

My tester came with the base 2.4-litre four-cylinder engine, mated to an eight-speed dual-clutch automatic transmission. It's a lively little unit, but it's front-wheel drive (as is the V6 if you don't order AWD) in a segment where most of its competition powers the rear wheels. It also needs a little more steering weight and road feel to be truly sporty.

Four settings let you select Econ, Normal, or two Sport Modes, which adjust the engine and transmission response. I usually kept it in Sport, since the economy mode really dragged down the performance, but it defaulted to that Econ mode every time I started the car. It would be nice if it could "remember" my last setting.

The cabin materials are all top-notch, and I like the dual centre console screens. While the top one displayed the navigation included in my car's Tech Package, the bottom one let me adjust the stereo and other features, without having to switch between the two. But some of the functions are distracting, such as a heated seat control that requires you to page through two computer screens just to change the temperature.

The exterior styling carries Acura's signature cues, and the handsome headlights contain LEDs, but the overall middle-of-the-road design is easily lost in a crowd. The Acura TLX is an okay car for the price, but if it's going to make waves in the sports sedan segment, it needs a shot of excitement.

Compare

1 Audi A4
Base price: $38,750
Like the TLX, it comes with front- or all-wheel drive, but features a 220-horsepower turbocharged engine.

2 Infiniti Q50
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3 Cadillac ATS
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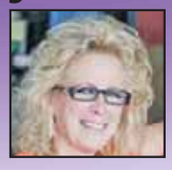

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Winter gloom is a cumulative thing, like being pecked to death by ducks, but special ducks, who wear little tuques and appropriate winter footwear.

If you're a motorist, some of those pecks come from how hard it is to keep your vehicle clean during winter. I'm not talking about concours d'elegance levels of clean. I'm talking levels of clean that just make it acceptable to touch the outside of your vehicle without immediately going for the hand sanitizer, or glove sanitizer, if they made such a thing.

Last week our Honda Fit looked liked it had been dragged through an episode of The Walking Dead — the post-apocalyptic ice-age edition — with salt and road grime clinging to every body panel.

Snow and ice in 50 or so shades of grey caked in the wheel wells. Floor mats so soaked with filthy winter juice I had the inclination to hover my feet over them while I worked the pedals.

But during the middle of that week, when I was driving on the other side of town, the sun came out.

Begone, filth! Cleaning your car is a good way to give Old Man Winter a swift kick in the shin. ISTOCK

Quoted

Yes, it might be a losing battle. Who knows how long your vehicle will stay clean in February driving? Only hours, probably. But we'll live with that.

It was still cold enough to do bad things to a brass monkey, but the sunlight changed everything.

I headed to the first automatic car wash emporium I could find, and got a piece of paper with a numerical wash code, which I knew would be my ticket to a better winter frame of mind.

My enthusiasm was a bit tempered, at first at least, because so many others had the same inspiration, and I was about seventh in line for the wash, but then I sensed the power of the collective movement and bonded with my winter wash comrades.

Yes, it might be a losing battle. Who knows how long your vehicle will stay clean in February driving? Only hours, probably. But we'll live with that. A vehicle coming through the wash tunnel, all shiny and glinting in the sun, is a fleeting, good thing. And not a bad way to give Old Man Winter a swift kick in the shin.

Winter Car Washing Safety Tips

• Stick to no-touch or soft-cloth automatic washes, for the convenience, for the better job they do on vehicle undersides, and because ice can form on "by hand" wash mitts and brushes and subsequently scratch body surfaces.

• To prevent frozen doors and locks after a wash in super frigid temperatures, apply lock de-icer and use terry cloths to wipe down door jams and posts.

• Wipe wipers down to remove grit and salt, to keep them flexible enough to work properly, and so they don't freeze in position.

• Make sure salt and moisture are clear of rust "entry points," such as paint nicks, gaps, seams, and where parts are bolted onto the body.

• Don't drive yourself winter clean crazy. Save your energy for the major spring cleanup, when your efforts will have some staying power, and give you more satisfaction.

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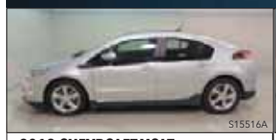
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White exterior, dark grey interior, only 61,278 km's, FWD, pocker locks, power windows, tire pressure monitoring system, iPod/AM/FM/CD/MP3/AUX compatible, steering wheel integrated with stereo controls, split folding rear seats.
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2012 VOLKSWAGEN BEETLE 2.5L
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$380 BIWEEKLY @ 24 MONTHS — SALE PRICE $13,998

S15350A

2009 HONDA CIVIC LX SR
FWD, 1.8LL I-4 cyl. engine, coupe, white exterior, power moonroof, power windows, power locks, power mirrors, telescoping wheel, AM/FM/CD/MP3, power steering, rear window defroster, variably intermittent wipers, alloy wheels.
$158 BIWEEKLY @ 48 MONTHS — SALE PRICE $13,995

BB3952

2013 SUBARU IMPREZA 2.0I
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BB3840

2013 BMW X6 XDRIVE35I
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S15032A

2008 MERCEDES-BENZ C-CLASS C300
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$256 BIWEEKLY @ 48 MONTHS — SALE PRICE $22,998

BB3929

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2006 MINI COOPER CLASSIC
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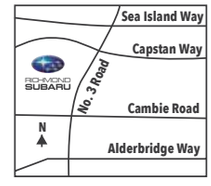

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Should the Big Three be worried about an iCar?

Technology. As the auto world becomes increasingly digitized, companies like Apple are poised to invest

Is the future of the car industry in Silicon Valley? After Tesla and Google, Apple appears to be readying for a plunge into the industry long rooted far away in the steel belt of the U.S. Midwest.

According to various media reports, the maker of iPhones and iPads has created a special unit dubbed Titan with hundreds of staff to begin developing an electric car, with 2020 the target date. Apple remains silent on the project, but the reports were partially backed up by a lawsuit filed against the tech giant. Battery maker 123 Systems has accused Apple of aggressively poaching its staff. But it puts Apple in line with Tesla, the current champion of the electric car, and Google, the online giant which is focused on the self-driving, also-electric Google Car.

The Big Three automakers — General Motors, Ford and Chrysler (now a part of Fiat Chrysler Automobiles, FCA) — are taking the threat from the Detroit outsiders seriously.

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"Given the company's (Apple's) tremendous capabilities, that is no surprise to anyone," GM spokesman Dan Flores said. At Chrysler, spokesman Eric Maynes said: "We can't comment on something we haven't seen." Ford had no comment on Apple's plans, either, but the No. 2 automaker recently opened a research centre in Palo Alto, in the heart of Silicon Valley, as it looks to the future of self-driving automobiles.

Bill Visnic, an analyst at industry specialist Edmunds.com, said that given the seven-year average time frame to develop and bring a car to the mass market, the Detroit giants are not under serious pressure yet.

Even with the unexpected success of Tesla, the company still sold fewer than 35,000 cars last year in an national market of more than 16 million units. "Apple is not an immediate threat to the U.S. auto industry. I don't think you'll see the volume there, the number of cars won't really begin to approach anything like Detroit is making right now at any time soon," said Visnic. AFP

Money to spend

- **Apple has the cash to put into a new car — some $180 billion in capital built up to invest in new projects.**
- But "the automotive space is so highly competitive today, and margins in new car sales are extraordinarily thin, which is something Apple is not used to," says Alec Gutierrez, a market analyst at Kelley Blue Book.

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Horoscopes by Sally Brompton

♈ Aries
March 21 - April 20
You must expect changes today, and if you are smart you will change yourself. The most vital change you can make is in your attitude towards others.

♉ Taurus
April 21 - May 21
Ignore those you don't get along with today and spend your time with people whose beliefs are in tune with yours.

♊ Gemini
May 22 - June 21
Something you've worried about for ages is not important and what happens today will convince you of that.

♋ Cancer
June 22 - July 23
You want to be on the move. You want to get away from your usual environment and do something different. But don't make it anything too energetic. If you can't do it sitting down, it's most likely not for you.

♌ Leo
July 24 - Aug. 23
A friend or family member will bend over backwards to help you today and if you are smart you will let them, even though you don't want to be in their debt. If you need financial assistance now is the time to ask.

♍ Virgo
Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
This is a good time for partnerships and affairs of the heart, so forget about all the things that went wrong in the past and think of all the things that will go right in the future.

♎ Libra
Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
Forget about duties and do what makes you happy. You are not in the mood for work and if you try to force yourself to do things that don't inspire you the end result will be frustration.

♏ Scorpio
Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
If you are not feeling on top of the world don't worry about it because it won't be long before your mood moves rapidly in the other direction.

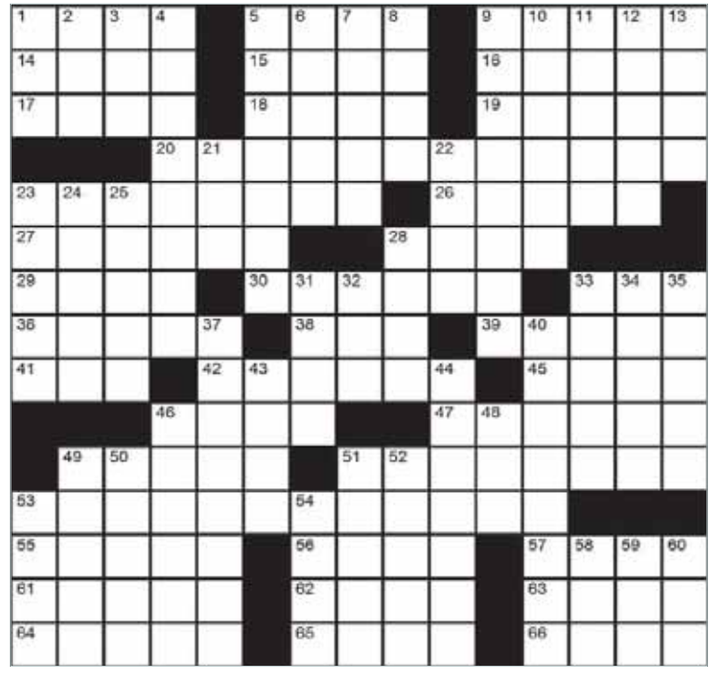
♐ Sagittarius
Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
If you need to persuade someone to see things your way or to do you a favour this is the time to make your play.

♑ Capricorn
Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
If you need to say something that might upset people, say it now rather than later. The Sun in the communications area of your chart will help you find the words to convey your meaning.

♒ Aquarius
Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
Don't let money worries stop you from enjoying yourself. There are times when you must watch what you spend and times when you should splash out. This is one of the latter.

♓ Pisces
Feb. 20 - March 20
Something you've worried about will worry you no longer come the end of the week. Cosmic activity in and around your birth sign means your outlook is changing.

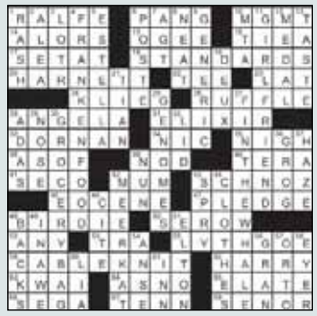
Crossword: Canada Across and Down by Kelly Ann Buchanan



Across
1. Brush alternative
5. Zippo
9. Scandinavian language, in Oslo's country
14. Iridescent gem
15. Aesir ruler
16. Calgary-born singer Melissa
17. Mr. Preminger
18. Western prov.
19. Story, in a house, in French
20. Town in #18-Across, a religious crossing?: 2 wds.
23. Period of History Channel's "Vikings": 2 wds.
26. R. Lee __, "Full Metal Jacket" (1987) actor
27. The Night of the __, Tennessee Williams play
28. Stubbing _ __ (Ottoman-bumping result)
29. Recounted
30. King on the show at #12-Down
33. 2002 Jennifer Lopez remix album: 'J to __ L-O!'
36. Mr. Bratton of "The Office"
38. Sleuth, shortly
39. Plastic wrap
41. Possessed
42. Actor Mr. Garfield
45. Wrongdoing, in law
46. So longs
47. "That's good enough.": 2 wds.
49. Analyze/break down
51. Canadian actress Ms. Gilsig (More at #12-Down!)
53. As per #30-Across... Female warrior like the character Lagertha
55. "__ la vista, baby." - The Terminator
56. Reverse
57. Wild-no-more
61. Synthetic fibre
62. Appear to be
63. Ottawa Senators defenceman Chris Phillips, pronounced KRIHS FIHL-__
64. Alter text
65. Gibraltar, et al.
66. Droops

Down
1. Dove's sound effect
2. Choose
3. Doorway carpet
4. Passage-hindering war tactic
5. Coffee-orderer's request: 2 wds.
6. On _ __ (How pranks might begin)
7. CDs parts, variantly
8. Cross of ancient Egypt
9. Free from typos, for instance: 2 wds.
10. Prompt: 2 wds.
11. The Cloister and the Hearth novelist Charles
12. #51-Across' role on History Channel's "Vikings"
13. Twittering Machine artist, Paul __ (b.1879 - d.1940)
21. Lucas' Solo
22. Alpha, __, gamma...
23. Trench
24. Prefix to 'phobia'
25. Reigned
28. 'A' of AM
31. Tots up
32. Eur. country
33. Creature of Scandinavian folklore
34. Robust
35. 19th-century composer Mr. Bruckner
37. Alberta town southeast of Edmonton
40. Plato's lost island
43. Require
44. Wisenesses
46. Crackers brand
48. Literary monogram
49. Shoppers Drug Mart, e.g.
50. Theatre lane
51. Wayne Gretzky's wife
52. Downy duck
53. Sock's coverer, often
54. Make messy
58. '80s band from Norway
59. Car advertisement fig.
60. Curved letter

Yesterday's Crossword



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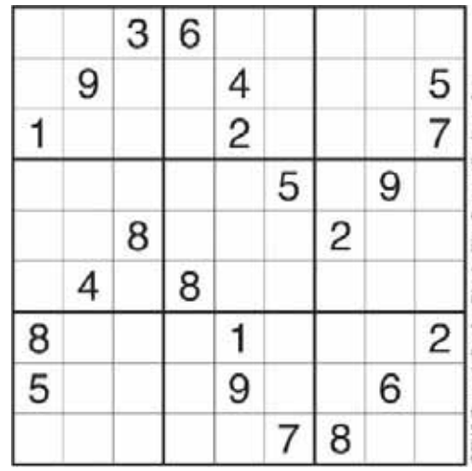

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Yesterday's Sudoku

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1	7	8	4	6	3	2	5	9
2	9	6	5	8	7	4	3	1
4	6	9	8	1	5	3	7	2
8	1	7	3	2	6	9	4	5
3	5	2	7	4	9	1	6	8
9	8	1	6	5	4	7	2	3
7	2	4	9	3	8	5	1	6
6	3	5	1	7	2	8	9	4

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